

NOTES ON THE ENGLISH ARMY.

DRUM BEATS THROUGH THE GLOBE.

True Tales and Incidents Collected and Selected by "Caundensis," from Various Exchanges.

Canadian Northwest Veterans. The men of the Seventh Fusiliers who rallied to the call to arms in 1885 have not forgotten the stirring events of the campaign that, with all its difficulties, brought with it many pleasantries as well, and they purpose shortly holding a big banquet, to become an annual affair, to perpetuate the memories of the time spent in tramping through the gaps and doing duty out on the broad prairies. With this object in view a meeting of the veterans was held, and it was decided that the association be known as the "Northwest Comrades of 1885 Association," and that all officers and men of any corps who served in the rebellion of 1885 be eligible.

A Blow at Slavery.

It is impossible to draw much attention to the fact that the greatest of all uses to which the naval and military forces of Great Britain and Europe could be employed would be a vigorous and persistent action towards the suppression of the accursed traffic in human bodies and souls which makes Africa in truth the "Dark Continent." In this connection it is pleasing to note that British forces have recently put a new Sultan on the throne of Zanzibar, on the east coast of Africa, a kingdom which has since 1890 been under the protectorate of England. On the death of Ali bin Said recently, his son Kalid claimed the throne. He seized the royal palace and fortified himself against attack. According to the Mohammedan law as recognized in Zanzibar, Hamid bin Thwain, the son of a deceased brother of the late Sultan, had a prior claim to the throne. The commander of H. M. S. Philomel landed a body of marines, surrounded the place, and demanded the abdication of Kalid. Being intimidated by the presence of British soldiers the usurper surrendered, and Hamid was proclaimed Sultan in his stead. To all intents and purposes this makes Zanzibar a British possession, and means the immediate total suppression of slave-trading in that district. May the end of this century see such a crusade undertaken by all the Great Powers as will sweep Africa from sea to sea, and purge it of the damnable system which mocks the christianity and civilization of the age.

A Reminiscence of the "Trent" Affair. "It is just 31 years ago," said Mr. John Nunn, past president of the Army and Navy Veterans, and late of the 16th Bedfordshire regiment, "when our regiment, 900 strong, disembarked from the transport Persia at a small village 76 miles below Riviere du Loup. It was the time of the Trent affair, you remember, and every man believed that war was to be declared immediately and the belief was fully shared by Canadians. At least their actions led us to suppose so. Sleights were provided by the habitants, who could not do too much for us. We were received along the route most cordially, and the hospitality displayed towards the troops was unlimited. Snow lay on the ground and we were compelled to stand up in the sleighs, but the warmth of the welcome made up for discomforts. We went by rail from Riviere du Loup to Montreal and were received by the population en masse, the streets being so densely crowded that we were compelled to march two deep, and even then the ranks were broken by the impetuous enthusiasm of the loyal people of Montreal, who in many instances carried the soldiers on their shoulders. There is a certain amount of nonsense being talked about annexation but I believe that the same feeling exists in Canada to-day as existed at the time of the reception of the British soldiery when war was daily expected to be declared, and that if anything now occurred that threatened the honor of the flag that waves over both Britain and Canada, the same feeling would animate both Britons and Canadians as was then displayed. It is said somewhere that it requires a great national question, tinged merely with an affront or a right withheld, to cause a people to display the depth of their national sentiment. The reception given to us by French-Canadian, would give me a certain amount of belief in the statement of Sir George E. Cartier, that the last shot fired for British connection on this continent would be fired by a French-Canadian, if I were not convinced that a last shot never will be fired, and also know that the Army and Navy Veterans of Toronto will then exist."—Empire.

BRITISH SUPREMACY.

As the result of measures for reducing cost of importation, manufacture, and transport, the British are now undersell any foreign competitor everywhere, except where the law discriminates in favor of the competitor; and the consequent immense increase in volume of production has caused so great demand for labor that the wages of British workers have been raised, their general condition has greatly improved, and manhood liberty has been promoted. And the trade of the United Kingdom has grown in volume, until the returns for importations in 1888 show of raw cotton, 1,731,755,088 pounds; of wool, 839,267,975 pounds; and a total valuation for all articles imported of £387,635,743 sterling, equal in our currency to \$1,876,156,996; and of this total valuation about 93 per cent., or £359,859,049 sterling, was the estimated value of free importations. Yet the balance of trade has been kept steadily favourable, until Great Britain, and only Great Britain, has attained to a degree of prosperity similar to that which was conditionally promised to the future of Israel: "Thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow."

The British Isles would have made but a sorry farm homestead to feed, clothe, and maintain their present family of 35,000,000 upon the scant product of their own acres; but free trade and subsidized commerce have transformed Great Britain into a grandly capacious, well equipped, and profitable "World's Workshop" and centre of commerce.

Some Provincial Figures. NUMBERS AND VALUES THAT ARE INTERESTING.

The following figures have been culled from a report issued by the Ontario Bureau of Industries.

The Province of Ontario contains a population of 2,114,321.

The area of the Province is 219,650 square miles, or 140,576,000 acres.

There were last year 8,080,206 acres in staple field crops, 2,562,040 acres in pasture, 1,152,082 in fallow land, small crops, lanes, building sites, etc., and 194,008 in orchard and garden.

The acreage devoted to staple field crops was divided as follows:

Fall wheat, 963,522; spring wheat 651,302; barley, 499,225; oats, 1,861,469; rye, 73,073; peas, 774,732; corn (in the ear) 181,463; corn (tons for silo) 91,403; buckwheat, 125,104; beans, 33,249; potatoes, 145,703; mangel-wurzels, 22,026; carrots, 9,941; turnips, 129,627; hay and clover, 2,515,367.

Of the population, 1,105,471 is in townships, 422,425 in villages and towns and 386,979 in cities.

The assessed value of townships last year was \$452,083,133, of towns and villages \$125,597,688, and of cities \$247,724,261.

The civic taxes imposed amounted to \$4,599,613 in townships, \$2,452,179 in towns and villages, and \$4,757,938 in cities.

There are 688,814 horses in the Province valued at \$55,812,920.

Of cattle there are 2,029,140 (of which 787,836 are milch cows) valued at \$45,548,475.

There are 1,850,473 sheep, and the value of the same is \$8,509,557.

Of pigs there are 996,974 and these are valued at \$5,479,093.

There are 625,504 turkeys, worth \$415,348; 445,154 geese, valued at \$254,396, and 6,005,315 other fowls, the value of which is \$1,421,706.

During the year ending 30th June last there were sold or killed 46,955 horses worth \$4,280,132; 436,352 cattle, worth \$15,979,135; 575,934 sheep, valued at \$2,640,190; 978,791 pigs of a value of \$8,775,852, and 1,966,409 poultry worth \$778,308.

The total value of farm lands is \$815,828,471, of buildings \$195,644,258, of implements \$51,003,020, of live stock \$117,501,495, making a total of \$979,977,244.

The average farm wages paid last year was \$156 for the twelve months with board, and \$253 without; for the working season \$16.52 was the average per month with board and \$25.92 without board; domestic servants averaged \$6.21 per month.

How often do we hear people say: "Where in the world do all the flies come from?" It is simple enough. The toper makes the blue bottle fly, the stern father makes the gad fly, the cyclone makes the fire fly, the carpenter makes the saw fly, the driver makes the horse fly, the grocer makes the sand fly, and the boarder makes the butter fly.

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